



Community Services Advisory Commission

September 15, 2015

Minutes

Commission Members: Present: Christine Gawronski, Ann Bohman, Marilyn Baker, Mindy Carr, Mel Ehrlich, Warren Fishman, Derek Graham, Stephanie Hall, Jason McGarvey, Kelli Lynn

Staff Members Present: Michelle Crandall, Asst. City Manager

Guests: None

I. Call to Order

Chair Christine Gawronski established a quorum with all ten members present and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None present. The commission discussed other items not on the agenda.

Ms. Gawronski said that she ran into Eric Krause at the store and he said he had some suggested reading material for the commission. Ms. Gawronski said she would pass this along to the commission once she received the email from Mr. Krause.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015

Ms. Gawronski had a few minor spelling changes to the minutes. There being no other changes, Ms. Lynn moved to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Mr. McGarvey. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

Ms. Crandall also commented and apologized that she did not follow-up regarding the discussion on the composting. She will follow-up with John Reiner to discuss with Council. In the meantime, Barb Cox, Engineering Manager, will be attending the October meeting to provide an update on the storm water plan and she can talk about the rain barrels. We can also have staff come in and talk about the composting next month or at the meeting in November.

IV. Update on CSAC Projects

Little Free Library:

Ms. Carr met with the leaders of the service unit for the Dublin Girl Scouts and discussed a program that we hope will benefit everyone. The Girl Scouts have a program called 'Journeys' which involve activities they work on for a ten week period, but have discussed the idea of doing it over two days so they would have two long time spans to work on the project. It would be opened up to have 100 Brownies participate (second and third grade). One of the Journey titles is called "The World of Girls" and it's all about books and reading; so we could tie this project to the Little Free Libraries. The idea is to have the older girls build boxes (with templates we would supply) and the younger girls would decorate them. We could do a book drive through the community also if needed, but we may get enough donations for books through the Girl Scouts.

Ms. Lynn asked about the box that was placed on Sells Mills on the walking path. She asked if the City or schools had placed that library box on site. Mr. Graham said it is on an easement and technically, it shouldn't be placed on the easement, but it is a nice box. No one knew who placed the box on site.

Discussion took place in-regards to some of the details of the project:

- Would the City be able to donate some of the funding for the wood for the project? The Girl Scouts would not be able to cover the entire cost of the project. Ms. Crandall commented that the City should be able to help out with some of the supplies. Also, Home Depot and Lowe's have donated items, if someone on the subcommittee would be interested in calling them to see if they would donate some supplies. Mr. McGarvey said he would call about donations.
- The group discussed starting with 10 boxes and determine the placement of them. There is also the possibility of opening this idea up to other organizations, such as Boy Scouts, that might be interested in making them.
- Does the commission want all of the boxes the same or different? There are a few different plans for the boxes and the leaders could pick a few different designs and let the girls choose which one they would like to do. The commission concurred to give the Girl Scouts a few different options and let them pick what they want to do so they are all different.
- Who would maintain the boxes after they are complete and installed? It was suggested putting the boxes in parks within neighborhoods and maybe the HOA's would help maintain them. Ms. Crandall said the City may be able to get volunteers to help maintain them. Ms. Hall volunteered to check with the City Volunteer office.
- The Girl Scouts would need a facility that could accommodate 100 girls divided into groups to work on this project for two days. It would probably need to be on a Saturday or Sunday. The group discussed the possibilities of the recreation center or Kaltenbach as an option.

Ms. Bohman commented that the consistency of the signage still has not been determined for the libraries. It needs to be determined if the signage should be the same for the schools and the parks. The group discussed having a sign that reads "take one, leave one" with a shamrock on the sign. Ms. Baker asked if the "Little Free Library" is a trademark or if that could be used on the sign. The subcommittee will find out.

Civil Discourse:

Mr. Ehrlich said there was a plan to hold the Civil Discourse during one of the Senior Tuesday Talks meetings at the DCRC, but that did not work out, so he will try to figure another plan for this idea.

Bicycle Friendly Community:

Ms. Crandall informed the commission that staff would like to apply for the "silver" designation which will be due by February 2016. Currently the City is at a "bronze" designation. She informed the group that their input by the end of the year will be key in the City's submission.

Ms. Baker asked who the staff liaison is that the subcommittee should talk to, to see what needs done. Ms. Crandall said she is the point of contact. Mr. Fishman also asked what the City is lacking to move up to the next designation. Ms. Crandall said the City received information back on what we need to work on to get to the next level. Two areas that we are lacking in are education and encouragement. So we need to show improvement in those two areas. Ms. Crandall will provide the information the City received about the areas that need improvement. She will also provide information on those cities that have the silver designation to show what they are doing.

Fishing Education:

Ms. Lynn informed the commission that the City's website has been updated with fishing information on the 67 ponds in City parks. Ms. Bohman added that the website includes the type of fish you may find, a map of the

ponds, fishing etiquette, regulations and other resources. (Link to fishing in Dublin is <http://dublinohiousa.gov/fishing/>)

Ms. Gawrowski asked if the six fishing education signs that were developed by the City had been placed by any of the ponds yet. Ms. Keplar informed the commission that fishing education signs have been placed at Ballantrae Park, Balgriffin Park, Shier Rings Parks, M.L. "Red" Trabue at the boardwalk and the large pond just south of Avery Park. There was not a sign placed at Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park because staff could not confirm that there was an adequate amount of fish in that pond.

Pianos for Outdoor Public Access/Playing:

Ms. Gawrowski stated that two pianos have been painted and placed in the parks. Mr. Ehrlich commented that he has been out to both of the parks with his grandchildren. One is located at Emerald Fields by the playground and the other at Darree Fields at the Miracle League playground. They are both protected as they are located under shelters. Mr. Ehrlich said when he was at Darree Fields there was someone playing the piano and she had her own sheet music. Mr. Ehrlich did go up and talk to her and the person said she had a piano at her apartment but she enjoyed playing at the park more.

Ms. Gawrowski said the piano that is located at Darree Fields will be moved to Historic Dublin by the spring. The Historic District would like it placed in the frog park area. Ms. Gawrowski commented that Mr. Reiner said he would put in the request to get a canopy for the piano. Ms. Crandall said staff can possibly get it moved sometime this fall. Ms. Crandall also commented that there is no need for a canopy. She has seen pianos outside that do not have covers. We can put a coat of polyurethane on it to protect the paint, but it should be fine without the cover.

Ms. Gawrowski notified the commission that Bailey Elementary and Wright Elementary schools are ready to paint the other two pianos that are in storage. Ms. Gawrowski also added that she has another piano ready for donation.

VII. Next Meeting – October 13, 2015

The next meeting is October 13, 2015. Barb Cox, Engineering Manager, will be attending the October meeting to provide a storm water plan update.

Ms. Baker would also like to discuss the bicycle friendly community information.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Carr. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Marja Keplar, Administrative Specialist